

Mexico rocks with revolution. It all started because Gen. Obregon, once President of the Republic wishes to be elected again. A provision of the Mexican constitution prohibits more than one term for presidents. Obregon holds that the clause refers to consecutive terms. Generals Serrano and Gomez are ardent anti-re-electionists. Combatting the Obregon candidacy which is backed by President Calles they take to arms. In less than 24 hours after the start of the revolt, troops of the republic surround Gen. Serrano. He is tried, convicted. The rifles of a firing squad ring out. Gen. Serrano—one of the best educated men in Mexico—falls dead.

Students of Mexican affairs declare that in the death of Serrano Mexico lost one of her most able leaders.

Charles A. Levine is an adventurer. He traveled with Chamberlain without announcing his intentions. Since then he has cavorted much about Europe. This week he visited the Pope, was admitted to an audience, left the Vatican praising the Pope.

Antol Josepho pattered about a laboratory in his home. Finally he perfected a device which would take and develop pictures of persons who dropped a quarter in the slot. Capitalists paid him \$1,000,000 for his invention. Antol moved to California with his fortune. This week he bought back rights to operate the machine in this state. Now he has a home in a balmy climate, plenty of money and a business.

The Legion convention in Paris is over. The boys are arriving back in New York. The Red Star liner Pennland have into port the other day with a load of un-touched kegs of beer aboard. The boys declared the beer was not tasted—but because they weren't thirsty—but because they were broke. Trips to Paris cost a lot of money.

Marshall Chang Tso-lin is one of the wealthiest and best business men in China. He is marshal of the Manchurians, war lord of the unconquered domain north of the great China wall. He is fighting now south of the wall. Latest reports from the battle front declare that his forces have been driven back twenty miles. Chang has several times declared himself ready to retire back of the wall and mind his own business. Big powers do not wish him to do so. He is arch-enemy of Bolshevism, a moneyed man himself, friend of property. His retreat would not be welcomed in western capitals.

Representative Madison of Illinois, Republican, called on President Coolidge. After the meeting he predicted a tax reduction aggregating \$300,000,000. The treasury surplus is more than \$500,000,000 but Mississippi relief and other expenditures are expected to reduce this fat sum. One of the most bitter fights in Congress is expected to center around the tax reduction program.

Edgar Lee Masters is one of the foremost American poets. But like other poets of renown his marital life has not always been the most happy. Neither have his business affairs. "Poet Masters" father died recently. Now he is suing in Illinois to prevent his former wife from taking the bulk of his father's estate as alimony.

France recently started Washington by announcing high and almost preventative tariff schedules on American goods. Now the note from Paris, discussing the situation, is reported to be conciliatory, but insistent that American high tariffs against French goods be reduced if France is to cut her schedules against American products. Economists and international politicians agree that France is making a wise move—probably dictated by French perfume manufacturers who sell millions of dollars worth of sweet-smelling liquids on this side of the Atlantic.

Speaking before the American Red Cross President Coolidge promised that the administration would throw all of its influence on the side of adequate relief and flood prevention appropriations for the Mississippi valley.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.—he is still called Junior although his father is dead, opened the convention of New York State conventions with a speech in which he declared that the "dark shadow of (Continued on Last Page)

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GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES—BUT DON'T MARRY THEM

# FIREMEN ANNOUNCE BIG PROGRAM

## High School Football Team Will Open Season Friday

### COUNCIL SPLITS UP ON PAY INCREASE

Dennis and Raymond Oppose Salary for Fire Chief While Three Members Vote It Through Tuesday Night

### DIVIDE OVER CHIEF AND GASCOIGNE RAISES

Inman, Wolfe and Connors Favor Boosts; Board Unanimous on Job for Dick Malone to Shorten Men's Hours

A three-to-two split developed in the City Council Tuesday night over increases and additions to the municipal payroll.

Mayor John Dennis and Trustee Charles Raymond voted against some of the raises. Trustees Brady Wolfe, Charles Inman and Earl Connors voted for all of them.

The first division arose when Trustee Connors introduced a resolution providing that Fire Chief Ren Hammebrink be paid a salary of \$50 a month. After Trustee Inman had seconded the motion Trustee Raymond interposed objections. He said, "If one of the firemen is paid a regular salary all of them should be paid likewise. I do not think this is the right time to take such action and I believe that before we make additions to the city payroll the people should be allowed to vote on it. It is only six months until the election and that would be a good time to let the people vote."

Mayor Dennis was even stronger in his opposition to the resolution. He said, "It is a poor thing to do at this time. Many of our people are out of work. I know men who have worked steadily for nine or ten years and who have now been let down so that they are working only a day or two a week. Many of our residents don't know where they are going to get the money to pay their taxes with. I consider the job of the fire chief as an honorary position and he is not more entitled to pay than members of the council. I have nothing against him personally or against fire chiefs, but I cannot support this resolution at this time."

When the roll was called Mayor Dennis and Trustee Raymond voted in the negative.

**Favor Resolution**  
Trustees Wolfe, Inman and Connors after the meeting declared that the work of the fire chief entitled him to pay. They held

### Torrance High School Students Win Trophies at So. Calif. Fair

Torrance High School students, led by Instructor S. E. Merrill, came home from the Southern California fair at Riverside loaded down with well-won honors.

The stock judging team consisting of Keith Tinsley, Merritt Bradshaw, Tom Anderson and Willard Lusk took third place and won the right to compete at Davis under the auspices of the University of California. Winning at Riverside the team was presented with a handsome silver cup. The winner at Davis will be sent to compete in the national judging contests at Kansas City and Chicago. The Torrance team was led only by Chaffee High and Lancaster. Manual Arts High was fourth.

Keith Tinsley won third place in the individual stock judging contest and Merritt Bradshaw was first in the individual contest for judging dairy cattle. For this he received a gold medal. Richard Walker was third in this event and brought home a silver medal.

Two Torrance groups were entered in the camp contest and won first and second prizes. The awards were made to the school groups who kept their camp at the fair in the best condition.

Torrance took third in the sheep-judging contest and won another third in the dairy cattle judging contest.

The local plant identification team, consisting of Muriel Bell, Ethel Slye and Richard Walker took fourth place. Fourth place in the tree-judging contest came to Torrance, too. The team was as follows: Willard Lusk, Egbert Merrill, Tom Anderson.

### Observations

Mexico in a Rumpus Again—Fags and Old Age—The Great Men of Today—the Navy Gets Wise—Poor T. R. Jr.

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

MEXICO is in the throes of a new revolution—primarily because President Obregon is a candidate for re-election. The Mexican constitution prohibits more than one term for a President. Gen. Obregon interprets the clause as forbidding only two consecutive terms. So Generals Gomez and Serrano take to arms.

The uprising is not a surprise. For two years Mexico has shown signs of breaking out with a new fever. Behind most of the troubled Republic's turmoil is oil. The rich petroleum fields of the country constitute the nation's greatest wealth. Whether the present revolution—like others of the past—is being financed by oil interests is difficult to say at this writing. But you may be sure that various oil concerns are mightily interested in the outcome of the rumpus.

FOR several months the miners in the bituminous fields of Ohio and Indiana have been on strike. And the public has known very little about it. The reason is that non-union miners of other soft-coal districts have been producing enough coal to take care of the country's needs. And during the strike the price of bituminous coal has actually been lower than it was last year.

Now however the inevitable disorders which always take place during a protracted strike have brought news of the layoff to the front pages. The public will become interested in men riot. It seems that the American people are little interested in anything that isn't spectacular.

MRS. SARAH O. DRAPER is 102 years old. She says her longevity is due to dancing and smoking. She doesn't dance nowadays, but still smokes. Of course dancing and smoking have not given her long life. We haven't any prejudice against either tobacco or indulgence in the white's of Teapiscophore. But if the old lady's theory were right today's clappers would never die.

A BRITISH newspaper, commenting on the presence of Legionnaires in London, vaunts that Great Britain has seen too much of America. The article is a bitter tirade against everything American. Naturally the attack attracted a lot of attention on both sides of the Atlantic. Probably it reflects the attitude of a lot of Britishers. But certainly it does not represent the general British opinion of Yankees. The article should mean no more to us than an attack against the British by a Hearst paper should mean to Englishmen.

EVERY so often someone rises to bemoan the dearth of great men in the United States. So rises again because the great Americans of the past have been supplanted by intellectual plagues. The strange part about all such discussions is that there are as many great men in the United States today as there ever were.

It is true, however, that the country's greatest men are not attracted in modern times to statecraft. The Benjamin Franklins, Daniel Websters, Patrick Henrys and others whose names wear the glow of fame today are executives in great American corporations.

When the country was young the most important job for all hands was to establish a solid government. The best minds of the continent turned to the problem. As soon as sound government was established the "big men" turned to railroading. Now they are captains of mass production. In time of national stress, whenever the need of their services, they will be there. Although there are few great men in Congress, there are hundreds in industry. The race has not deteriorated. Big men are just doing the biggest job—as they always have done—as they always will do. Personally we don't feel a bit sorry for the United States.

WE are in hearty accord with the decision of the Navy Department not to give any more costly aid to trans-ocean flyers. Humane impulses have sent scores of navy ships searching the seas for lost aviators. Now he who dares the upper levels over the seas does so at his own risk and without the assurance of help from Uncle Sam.

Many of the aviators who have lost their lives took off without adequate preparation. Unless the Navy is given the right to investigate the ability of flyers and the planes in which they seek to span great distances over the sea, the Navy should not be expected to help out when man and plane or either prove inadequate to the task.

If aviators wish to join the suicide club, let them do so, but let's not encourage them by assurance of Naval aid if they get into difficulties.

NEXT week the nation will observe Fire Prevention Week. In a country where these "weeks" are put on at a rate of about four a month we are apt to lose sight of the significance of some of them. But Fire Prevention Week is of importance.

The figures are not at hand but we read recently that fires have been greatly reduced in number since the institution of the campaign of education.

As we write this a newspaper in front of us tells the story of a raging fire in Topanga Canyon. Five hundred men were fighting the blaze which were threatening hundreds of homes.

And all probably because somebody threw a cigarette into the dry vegetation.

### WILL PLAY JACOB RIIS

Heaviest Team in School's History to Take Field This Year

### LINE AVERAGES 150 LBS.

Team Play Chief Concern of Coach Mitchell as First Game Looms

Torrance High School will open the football season Friday afternoon when the heaviest team in the institution's history takes the field against Jacob Riis High School. The line, including two not overly heavy ends, averages 154 pounds and the backfield averages about 150. When practice for the year started Coach Mitchell was bemoaning the lightness of the squad. Since that time a number of new and heavy candidates have reported, until now the outfit looks racy and strong. Six letter men are back and of the 22 lads out for practice many have played on teams elsewhere before they moved to Torrance.

The problem confronting Coach Mitchell has been to weld the outfit into a team which plays as a unit and not like eleven individuals. The first test Friday will give him a good line on the ability of the boys to work together. And those who don't may not be in the lineup a week later on the whippers around High School have it.

Friday the team will line up as follows, unless Mitchell makes some eleventh hour switches: John Reynolds, 110 pounds, left end; Carl Jones, 138, left tackle; Cato Runyan, 150, left guard; Bob Bartlett, 160 pounds, center; Alvin Eichardt, 149, right guard; Harry Mintun, 155, right tackle; Bob Bordeaux, 169, right end; Paul Carpenter, left half; Ralph Barber, right half; Louis Cramer, fullback; Alfred Pennington, quarterback.

The first game of the season will be played behind the school, for the grass on the gridiron is not yet in shape.

The team played last Friday for practice against a group of alumni and ineligible. The pickups won by a score of 18 to 0. In view of the inexperience of the team Coach Mitchell was highly pleased with the showing they made.

Friday's game will open the Marine League season. Other schools in the league are Narbonne, Wilmington, Gardena, George Washington, Jacob Riis, Watts and Bell.

### Oil Worker Is Killed on Rig in Field Here

William R. Buchman Dies After Accident at C.-C.M.O. Well

William R. Buchman, 42, died last Friday night at the Santa Fe hospital from injuries received while working as helper on a C.-C.M.O. well.

Buchman's right arm was torn from his body when the rod elevator became detached from the hoist and fell, striking Buchman on the shoulder. He died within an hour and a half.

Buchman had been employed with the C.-C.M.O. for about four years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Laura Buchman, a daughter 10, and a son 16, who resides at 1628 Cedar avenue.

Funeral services were held at the Buchman home, Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made Wednesday morning in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

**BIRTHS**  
At Torrance Memorial Hospital: Sept. 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Villenave, 2313 Redondo boulevard, a daughter; Sept. 30, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl O. Mayfield, 1303 Ampolita avenue, a son; Oct. 4, to Mr. and Mrs. James Kent, 924 Arling-ton avenue, a daughter.

### Torrance Outfit Loses Ball Game by Hole in Fence

The Torrance ball team lost a ball game Sunday by a hole in the fence. Playing at Monterey Park against the club of that city, the Torrance men were ahead by a score of 2 to 0 when the Park team came to bat in the last half of the ninth inning. There was one on base. A Monterey batter swung the ball to right field where it rolled through a hole in the fence. The home run tied the game and Monterey added another counter in the tenth to win 3 to 2.

Next Sunday the Torrance team will play at Santa Monica. Ed Tansey, busy manager of the locals, is anxious to get started with home games again and said today that the team would play in Torrance as soon as the grass on the high school diamond is in shape. He expects to be able to use the field in about three weeks. The fine brand of ball being played by Tansey's men insures good crowds when the games start here again.

### School Census Now Under Way; Help Is Asked

State Law Demands Work Be Done and Public Aid Is Urged

School authorities started this week to take a school census here. The work is in compliance with the state law which calls for a census of all children between the ages of one day and eighteen years. Census cards are given to all students in the schools and others who are not in school. A statement regarding the census has been issued by Susan M. Dorsey, superintendent of the Los Angeles School District. It follows in part: "In compliance with the state law, the Los Angeles City Board of Education must register all children from one day old to sixteen years, during the first week in October, 1927.

"The Department of Compulsory Education and Public Welfare is supervising the work of this registration in conjunction with school principals and teachers. It will be the one official registration of minors this year, and only duly authorized agents of the school department will call at homes, if a visit to the home is found necessary. The board is trying to eliminate so far as possible a house-to-house canvass by paid workers, which would be very expensive and would have to be paid for by the citizens.

"We shall proceed in the following way: "1. If you have children at school, they will bring from their teacher the registration blanks provided by the superintendent of public instruction. When such blanks arrive, if you do not fully understand what is desired by each question, there will be someone at your own school who will be glad to advise and help you in the answering of the questions.

"2. You can greatly help, also, in the registration of children who are not in school by answering the same questions for those in your own family who are under school age and by notifying the principal of your school of children in neighborhood families who are under school age and who should be registered.

"3. The educational forces of the state need information on behalf of handicapped children, i. e., those who are deaf, blind, or partially so, and those who are crippled, or otherwise handicapped, in order that they may provide special opportunities for such persons in the friendly and careful consideration of their interests. We shall greatly appreciate your help in locating these children.

"We are aware of the fact that certain questions which the state asks may seem somewhat personal. Since, however, this census information is to be used confidentially for educational purposes, you need not hesitate to answer all questions in a spirit of frankness.

"Just a little help at this time from every parent will facilitate the work of gaining information required by the state and will lessen immensely the cost of securing this information.

"Children must be brought to the Torrance elementary and high schools and Rotary and will conduct a city-wide campaign of education regarding air mail.

### CLEAN UP CITY, IS SLOGAN

Parade, Demonstrations, Addresses, Real Fire to Feature Week

### DINGVILLE BOYS READY

Will Quench Real Blaze on El Prado Next Thursday Night

A big parade, a demonstration of all apparatus, a fire quelled by the famous Dingville Department, and a general cleanup of the city will feature the local observance of Fire Prevention under the auspices of the Torrance Volunteer Fire Department next week. Chief Hammebrink requests that all residents and business men clean up their lots. City employees will carry away refuse every day next week. A check on all loads will be taken, so that the success of the cleanup campaign will be accurately known.

On Wednesday, starting at 2 o'clock the department will stage a parade with Torrance business houses and industries co-operating. The public is asked to co-operate by entering floats or cars with fire prevention slogans. The parade will form at the City Hall on Cravens avenue and will proceed to the two schools, back to the business district and will disband at the City Hall.

A demonstration of all local fire apparatus, a ladder drill and an exhibition of the use of Foamite will take place on El Prado Thursday night.

At this time also the Dingville boys will do their part. A house fire will be created on a vacant lot and in some mysterious manner will be quenched. The Dingville Department will break all world's records in saving life and putting out the blaze maybe. Chief A. H. Bartlett of the Dingville heroes will be in charge of this great battle against the red destroyer.

Fire prevention engineers will speak to civic organizations during the week. Capt. Dick Malone of the local department will give a five-minute address to the Rotary Club on Thursday and A. H. Bartlett will speak before the Kiwanis Club on Friday. Speakers will also address assemblies at the elementary and high schools.

### Methodists to Give Dinner to Help Parsonage

Brotherhood Affair Will Be Held Here on October 18

Bruce Baxter of the University of California will be the speaker of the evening at the church dinner to be held at the Methodist church parlors, Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 o'clock.

The proceeds of the dinner, at \$5.00 per plate will be used toward the expenses incurred in the erection of the new parsonage, adjoining the church.

The affair will also be in the nature of a reception for Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Young, who come to Torrance from Nashville, Tennessee, and will be settled in their new home this week. Other guests of honor will be Rev. and Mrs. Bosc.

### Seek to Stimulate Air Mail Interest

To stimulate interest in and use of air mail the Western Air Express will send a representative to Torrance on Oct. 13, 14 and 15. He will work with Postmaster Alfred Gouder, will address several meetings, including those of Kiwanis and Rotary and will conduct a city-wide campaign of education regarding air mail.